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Dear All

at last week's meeting I was asked to circulate any relevant papers for the leadership election.

Please find attached:

1. the current draft for the NEC of the timetable for the election of the leader and deputy leader
2. the procedural overview for the election, to be put to the NEC
3. the Candidates' Code of Conduct

100 Days

The first two documents are confidential and we have not seen them.

I was also asked to draw up a list of questions, to guide the discussion:

- do we want a 'contest' or a 'coronation'? (presumption: no contest) ✓
- in the absence of a challenger, do we still want to campaign in the country while the deputy leadership election takes place? (presumption: yes)
- do we want that period to be 6 weeks or 7 weeks? (presumption: shorter is better)
- do we want to become leader when nominations close, or at the meeting of the electoral college when the deputy leader is announced? (presumption: at the special conference)
- do we want the deputy leadership election to take place at the same time? (presumption: impossible to change)
- do we have a deputy leadership strategy? (presumption: no)
- how many days a week do we want to be in the country during the leadership election?
- how many big set-piece speeches do we want during the campaign? (Party is planning for 20 visits, five of which as big speeches, the other 15 as Lets Talk events).

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